

December 5, 2001

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on
Universal Service,
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) hereby withdraws its comments filed on August 20, 2001, in the Commission's proceeding to update the record with regard to petitions for reconsideration filed in response to the Commission's First Report and Order in the above-referenced docket. At the Bureau's request, WorldCom withdraws the August 20, 2001, comments with the understanding that the issues raised in the comments will be addressed in the pending proceeding to review the Lifeline and Link Up programs.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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